

Native Indian Troops to Strengthen British in France

guns from the German warships suffered no serious losses.

ALL BRITISH SHIPS AFGOAT.

AT END OF ENGAGEMENT. The cruiser Amethyst and the torpedo boat destroyer Laertes both were damaged; but all the ships in the British fleet were officially reported as unscathed. The British loss of life was not great. In the battle cruiser squadron were the flagship Lion, the New Zealand, the Queen Mary and the Princess Royal commanded by Rear-Admiral Beatty, while Rear-Admiral Moore, Rear-Admiral Christian Commodore Goodenough and Commodore Tryon each had charge of other contingents. A wireless dispatch to-night from one of the cruisers said she was making for port with men wounded in the engagement.

The Mainz and the vessel of the Gotha class were protected cruisers 402 feet long and displacing 4,250 tons. They had speed of slightly more than twenty-five knots an hour.

BRITISH GAIN VICTORY WITHOUT LOSS OF SHIP.

LONDON, August 28.—Archibald Hunt, naval expert, writes as follows:

In the light of this latest news, what is to be said of the foolish talk of the "decidedly Count von Reventlow." He has been telling the German people that the attitude of reserve of the British navy means that Great Britain objects to its fleet advancing against ours.

The British navy has got to work with the effect that two of Germany's newest cruisers, the Mainz and another vessel of the same class have been destroyed and another left sinking and out of control. Other German destroyers have been sunk and many damaged, and no British ship has been lost.

This brief summary is the story of the outcome of concerted operations in the Bight of Helgoland, this morning. A strong force of British destroyers and submarines, supported by light cruisers and battle-cruisers—that is to say, the Grand Fleet—went into this bay and interdicted a number of the main light cruisers and destroyers which were guarding the approaches to the German coast. They were evidently taken by surprise, and the result was that all the enemy's cruiser force was wiped out and the destroyer flotilla at least decimated.

Such is the splendid opening of the war in the North Sea. It is only, of course, the beginning, but it is a fine beginning. It will give the navy renewed confidence and it will cheer not only the nation, but the empire. Far overseas the news will give joy.

FIRST BATTLE AT SEA.

FRUITFUL FOR ENGLAND. The first action, as the official message states, was most fortunate and fruitful owing to the wise conception of the plans of Sir John Jellicoe. We had an overwhelming force. It operated, of course, in a dangerous area.

OBITUARY.

WILLIAM GAINES. William Gaines, eighty years old, died on Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock at his home at Fairfield, Hanover County. Mr. Gaines, who was widely known, leaves a wife, Mrs. Anna, and four daughters, Mrs. E. Gaines, of Charlotte County; Mrs. E. Saunders, of Philadelphia; Mrs. W. H. Tamm, and Miss Mary Gaines, both of Hanover County. He also leaves three brothers, Major Frank Gaines and James Gaines, of Charlotte County, and Sam Gaines, of Washington.

Mr. Gaines was a member of the Hanover Grays, and served throughout the War of the States.

Funeral services will be conducted this morning at 11 o'clock in Hollywood Cemetery.

SOUTHERN S. HANKINS.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) WILLIAMSBURG, Va., August 28.—Southern S. Hankins, Treasurer of Hanover County, and one of the city of Williamsburg, and one of the prominent men in this section of the State, died last night at 10:15 o'clock in his home. He suffered an illness of several weeks. Mr. Hankins resided in James City County on the farm known as "Marlbrook," February 29, 1843, and was in his seventy-second year. He was the son of George A. and Mary Savage Hankins, both of this county. When the War Between the States broke out he enlisted in James City Company and fought throughout the entire war with distinction. He returned from the war, settled on his farm where he had lived continuously till his death, and served his country faithfully as commissioner of the revenue and when the late T. G. Wayne died he was appointed treasurer, to which position he was elected twice by the people.

His wife, who was Miss Catherine Texana Gandy, of James City, passed away two years ago. He was survived by his only son, George G. Hankins, member of the Eastern State Hospital staff, and one daughter, Mrs. H. A. Hankins. He is survived by one brother, Dr. G. A. Hankins, and one sister, Mrs. G. A. Richardson, both of this city. The funeral will take place this morning at 11 o'clock from Oliver Bank, and will be conducted by the pastor, the Rev. J. A. Renforth. Many former friends and relatives from Williamsburg will attend.

W. H. Chambers.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) FREDERICKSBURG, Va., August 28.—W. H. Chambers, commander of the Florida East Railway, formerly a resident of this city, died recently while traveling Europe, and he was buried there. Later his remains were brought to his home in Florida. Mr. Chambers and his daughter, Miss Ethel, had been before he was declared dead and proceeded to Cologne, and soon after their arrival, Mr. Chambers was stricken. He was taken to Paris where he died and was in greatly weakened condition when he reached there. Soon after his arrival all Americans were ordered to depart from France and they left for London. The trip across the channel was a rough one. They finally reached London and Mr. Chambers was placed in a hospital where he lingered for several days before passing away this month.

Henry Blount.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) RALEIGH, N. C., August 28.—The remains of the late Henry Blount, who died yesterday afternoon at the Soldiers' Home, were carried this morning to his old home in Wilson for interment accompanied by Mr. C. B. Est, his nephew, and a number of devoted friends from Raleigh. Mr. Blount, who was 85 years old, was widely known as a duxbury and a popular writer and lecturer, one of his especial popular lectures being "Beyond the Alps," a lecture of flowing rhetoric, full of softy sentiment, bears most appreciatively in many parts of the country.

DEATHS.

MESCOLI—Died, at his late residence, 111 East Marshall Street, at 3:30 P. M., JOHN L. MESCOLI.

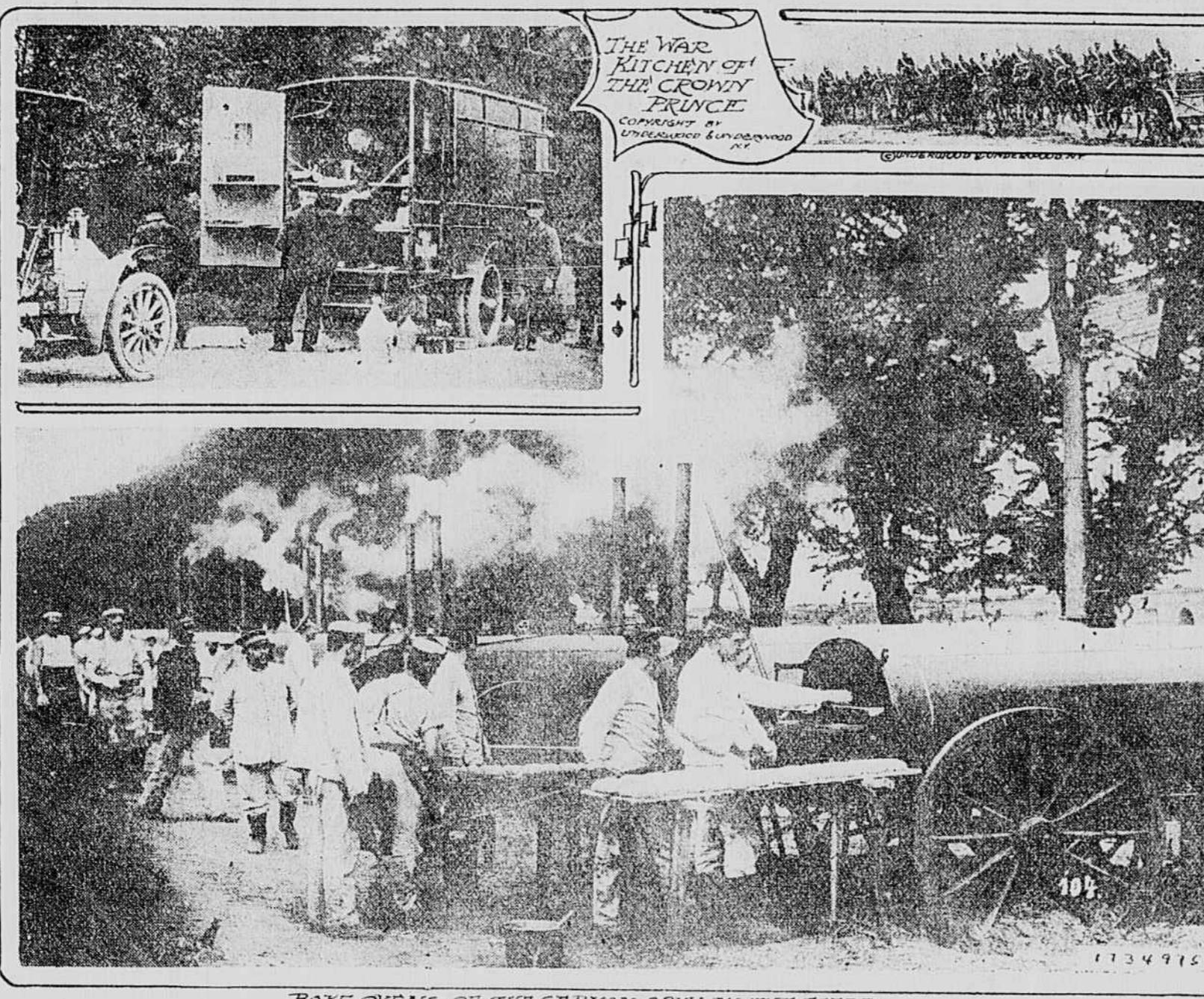
Funeral private.

GIBSON—Died, Friday, August 28, 1914, at 4:30 A. M., at the Grace Hospital, Richmond, Va., THOMAS STONE GIBSON. In his forty-seventh year, husband of Mrs. Minnie R. Gibson.

Funeral from late residence, No. 1514, Grove Avenue, SATURDAY, August 29, at 2 o'clock P. M. Interment will be at Blandford Cemetery, Petersburg, Va. Funeral private.

GAINES—Died, C. P. M., August 27 at his residence, "Fairfield," Hanover County, Va., W. H. GAINES, in the eightieth year of his age.

Services at the grave in Hollywood Cemetery, SATURDAY, August 28.



BAKE OVENS OF THE GERMAN ARMY IN THE FIELD
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but it was injured neither by the submarine nor the mines. In the course of the fighting, the only injury of consequence to our ships consisted in some damage to the cruiser Amethyst, and to the destroyer Laertes, while the British loss of life was not heavy.

"This is an exploit we may well take pride in. It will have given Nelson pleasure. The German ships were practically annihilated and always deserved, notwithstanding, but a severe defeat.

The British force went boldly after the enemy to unwilling action. The business was carried out in good masterly style on historic lines, the large body of destroyers being supported by light cruisers and heavy ships of high speed, and with twelve-inch guns ready to be used if necessary.

All honor to the officers who led what may be almost described as the cutting out expedition," Rear-Admirals St. David Beatty, Archibald Moore and A. H. Christian and Commanders Roger Keyes and Tyrwhitt, and Goodenough.

THREE GERMAN SHIPS CAPTURED BY BRITISH CHEFOO, CHINA, August 28, 02:45 P. M.—Three German merchant ships—the steamers Frisia, Hamaneta and Paklat, have been captured by the British fleet and taken to Wei Hsi Wei. Refugee women and children from Tsing Tau, on board the Pekin, were transferred to another vessel and taken to Tsing Tau.

CAPTURES VESSEL FUJIS AMERICAN FLAG PEKING, August 28.—The steamer Hamaneta, captured by the British and taken to Wei Hsi Wei, flies the American flag. She has been in the coaling trade between Vladivostok and Tsing Tau. She is owned by a naturalized American, whose citizenship has been forfeited by long absence from the United States.

The Hamaneta last sailed from Shanghai, ostensibly to remove from Tsing Tau, but in some way failed. It is believed she carried contraband of war. Before leaving Tsing Tau for Shanghai, she dismissed her British crew and shipped a crew of Germans. This aroused the suspicion of Willy R. Peck, American consul at Tsing Tau, who warned her captain against traffic in contraband.

Available shipping records show no American steamer Hamaneta. There, however, is an American steamer named Hamaneta, belonging to W. Katz of Shanghai. The Hamaneta is a vessel of 3,202 gross tons, and was built in 1875. She is 375 feet long.

SMASHING HIT FOR BRITISH FLEET Special credit to the British—Disputed LONDON, August 28.—The first important naval action of the war was fought to-day in Helgoland Bight, resulting in a smashing blow delivered by the British cruisers, destroyers and submarines against the German scouting-squadron. The net damage to the German fleet was two cruisers and two destroyers sunk, and one cruiser severely damaged in a sinking condition.

The officer in chief command of the British force was Rear-Admiral Sir David Beatty, who married the daughter of Marshall Field, of Chicago.

Told in the dry, laconic phrases of the official admiralty dispatch, the story is distinctly thrilling.

Following is the text issued to-night:

ASPECTS OF OPERATIONS ENTIRELY CHANGED LONDON, August 28.—Friday has been a day of momentous news.

News of the gravest character came from France, where in a single week the aspects of the operations have changed entirely.

Last evening the allied armies were pursuing an offensive campaign on all the frontiers. Now, according to official news received from Berlin, Emperor William is congratulating his people on the success of the German army in the task of putting the "Iron ring" around the allied armies from Du Nord, Department of Du Nord,

FIVE GERMAN CORPS IN ATTACK ON BRITISH LONDON, August 28 (12:45 P. M.)—Premier Asquith announced in the House of Commons to-day that the British troops in Wednesday's fighting were exposed to the attack of five German army corps. The losses on both sides, he said, were great.

IN FULL RETREAT AFTER NINE DAYS' FIGHTING

BERLIN, August 28 (12:45 P. M.)—The Associated Press via Saigon, Aug. 28, 7:36 A. M.—Headquarters has issued an official re-

port declaring that the western enemy has everywhere been defeated, and is in full retreat after nine days' fighting.

General von Kluck defeated the English army at Maubeuge, renewed the attack to-day, and threatened to surround it.

General von Bülow and Von Hausen completely defeated the Franco-Belgian forces, about eight corps, between the Sambre and the Namur and the Meuse in several days' battle, and are now pursuing them to the eastward of Maubeuge.

The attack on Maubeuge was opened by the Grand Duke Albrecht of Württemberg, who defeated and pursued the enemy across the Semois and the Meuse.

The German crown prince is advancing towards the Meuse and the crown prince of Bavaria repulsed an attack from Nancy and the south.

General von Herrerengen continues the pursuit southward through the Vosges.

Four Belgian divisions, attacking Tuesday and Wednesday from Antwerp, have been repulsed, losing guns and many prisoners.

The Belgian population generally participated in the fighting, necessitating severe repressive measures. The corps of the last reserves have been called out to guard communications.

ACCEPT NOTES SECURED BY WAREHOUSE RECEIPTS

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